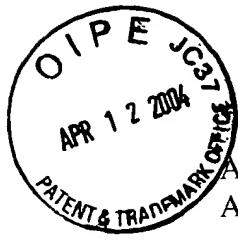


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as provided below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.